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Federation of State Medical Boards Attacks Physicians Over COVID 'Misinformation' — Who's Behind It?

The Federation of State Medical Boards' aggressive stand against "the dissemination of COVID-19 vaccine misinformation and disinformation by physicians" and its recommendations for disciplinary action have some critics questioning the organization's motivation and the source of its authority and funding.

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The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has taken a stand against what it refers to as "the dissemination of COVID-19 vaccine misinformation and disinformation by physicians and other healthcare professionals on social media platforms, online and in the media," going so far as to recommend disciplinary action and state policy changes.

In a July 2021 press release, the FSMB warned physicians they could risk "disciplinary action by state medical boards, including the suspension or revocation of their medical license."

And in a lengthier statement issued in April 2022, the nonprofit — which says it "serves as the voice for state medical boards" — appeared to advocate for laws like the one sitting on California Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk that would punish doctors who share COVID-19 "misinformation" with their patients, with language like this:

> "Prohibitions on disseminating misinformation are already expressly written, or implied, in many state statutes regulating the practice of medicine. However, adopting a specific policy on misinformation is

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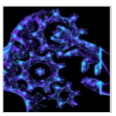
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encouraged in light of the increased prevalence of, and harm caused by, physician-disseminated misinformation in this ongoing pandemic."

In yet another show of support for cracking down on "misinformation," FSMB President and CEO Dr. Humayun Chaudhry will speak next week on "Misinformation in Health Care: The Implications for Professionalism and the Public Trust" at the American Board of Medical Specialties annual conference.

In its July 2021 press release, the FSMB did not define what it meant by "misinformation or disinformation," yet the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Family Medicine subsequently issued a joint statement supporting the FSMB's position.

According to its website, the FSMB says it "supports its member boards as they fulfill their mandate of protecting the public's health, safety and welfare through the proper licensing, disciplining, and regulation of physicians and, in most jurisdictions, other health care professionals."

It also issues guidelines that serve as the basis for model policies with the stated goal of positively impacting the health and safety of patients and the medical regulatory system.

But some critics of the FSMB's aggressive "misinformation" policy questioned where the organization derives its authority and who's really behind it.

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What is the FSMB — and who funds it?

Created in 1912 at a "small annual gathering of state board executive officers with no permanent staff or headquarters," the FSMB today has almost 200 employees and two national headquarters — one in Texas and another in Washington, D.C.

The private tax-exempt 501(c)(6) trade association says it supports "America's state medical boards in licensing, disciplining and regulating physicians and other healthcare professionals" and works to "keep patients safe."

Since its inception, the FSMB has been staffed with members who presently or previously held positions with other medical governing bodies.

In fact, FSMB's leadership — in conjunction with the U.S. government — in May 1994 spawned another medical authority agency — the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA).

According to IAMRA's website, the IAMRA was formed when "FSMB, under contract with the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), planned and hosted the 1st International Conference on Medical Regulation in Washington, D.C."

FSMB and IAMRA share an office address in Texas. Their official phone numbers are nearly identical. And when a person calls the phone number listed on IAMRA's website, the prerecorded welcome message tells the caller they've reached FSMB and IAMRA, in that order.

FSMB's president and CEO, Chaudry, is also the secretary of the IAMRA. This overlapping of leadership positions extends beyond FSMB and IAMRA into medical councils in other countries.

For example, Dr. Emanuel Garcia, a psychiatrist living in New Zealand who publicly voiced concern about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, noted in an Aug. 22 article for Global Research that the chair-elect of the IAMRA, Joan Simeon, "just happens" to be the CEO of the Medical Council of New Zealand.

Garcia, who questioned whether the FSMB and IAMRA's true motivations were ensuring safe medical practices, said:

"In casting an eye over the years since the dramatic introduction of the

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> COVID pandemic, the near total shutdown of the world, the immense transfer of wealth from the middle and poorer classes upwards, the universal imposition of an inadequately tested so-called vaccine, and the vehement suppression of critical early treatment, one cannot but conclude that there is indeed an agenda beyond health and welfare.
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> "The FSMB and the IAMRA have shown by their actions that they are tools whose task is to further this agenda, and that this agenda is both anti-medical and inhumane."

In addition to contracting with the U.S. government and IAMRA, the FSMB runs its own foundation that functions as a separate 501(c)(3) organization but is supported by a "generous seed endowment" from the FSMB.

Last April, the FSMB foundation celebrated its 10-year anniversary by hosting its annual fundraising luncheon. Its annual highbrow luncheons have raised thousands of dollars to support the organization's activities, including "the study of state responses to the COVID-10 pandemic."

The FSMB foundation's website does not disclose its donors.

Commenting on the FSMB's July 2021 statement, "Spreading COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation May Put Medical License at Risk," Garcia said, "The outstanding question remains: Where does the FSMB derive its authority to regulate United States medical boards and, through its apparent international partner, the IAMRA, direct medical councils around the world to discipline doctors?"

So many questions …

Dr. Meryl Nass, an internist and biological warfare epidemiologist who had her medical license suspended in January for "spreading misinformation," told The Defender the FSMB's authoritative actions raise many questions.

Nass, a member of the Children's Health Defense scientific advisory committee, outlined the questions in an email:

- Why would a nonprofit with no regulatory authority suddenly decide it was important to trash the First Amendment, the Nuremberg Code and other legal doctrines to push for punishing doctors who fail to tell the government's story and use COVID-19 treatments the government doesn't want used?
- Why is the FSMB monitoring the states and collecting information on their attempts to investigate and/or punish doctors for doing their duty to act as learned intermediaries to their patients?
- Why did the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Family Medicine, the American Medical Association and the American Association of Pediatrics push identical policies in lockstep in mid-2021 that would destroy physician autonomy, when physicians are, one would think, their clients?
- Why did the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists push for experimental vaccinations during all trimesters of pregnancy?

Nass suggested all of these questions should be investigated.

A history of ties to Big Pharma

Historically, there is evidence of Big Pharma funneling money to the FSMB.

For example, a decade ago, MedPage Today broke the story on how the FSMB turned to a pharmaceutical company with a $3.1 million request to underwrite the cost of producing and distributing a book about its opioid prescribing policy.

After the FSMB's guidelines for the use of opioids to treat chronic pain patients were adopted as a model policy, the organization asked Purdue Pharmaceuticals for $100,000 to help pay for printing and distributing the policy to 700,000 practicing doctors.

The initial $100,000 was just a small downpayment on the $3.1 million the

FSMB's foundation estimated it would cost for its campaign to get out the word about the "safe" use of opioid analgesics in the treatment of chronic pain, according to MedPage.

The FSMB also has a history of challenging and attacking non-pharmaceutical medical approaches used by integrative doctors as falling outside the "standard of care" as they define it.

Dr. Christiane Northrup, a former board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist with more than 30 years of experience, told The Defender she intuitively sensed the FSMB had questionable associations and chose not to renew her medical license when it came up for renewal in 2015.

Northrup, who had shifted her professional activities away from directly seeing patients, said she asked herself, "Do I need this for what I'm doing now?" and concluded, "Let's not renew this."

Northrup pointed out the historical connection between pharmaceutical companies and the FSMB. She told The Defender that "what we're talking about is a very carefully orchestrated attempt to control doctors."

Many people who have been taught that "the doctor knows best," Northrup said, cannot comprehend the "horror" of the implications of the FSMB's actions.

The Defender reached out to the FSMB and the IAMRA for comment, but neither had responded at the time of this writing.

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holisticpoet • an hour ago

I would venture a guess that the same people funding these organizations are the same players who keep holistic, natural, and integrative medicines from becoming main stream, Everyone should know who these players are.

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OGuillory • 2 hours ago

...um...F these people and their "Medical Groups". Sue them out of existence...

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Ken Allen • 2 hours ago • edited

My doctor asks me 3 times every time I see him about taking the so called vaccine and I refuse. He gave me a speech I believe full of lies about the data showing its safe. That crap is killing people and he is fired as my doctor.

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RHE9 ↗ Ken Allen • an hour ago

Next time you see this pharma fed talking head, take in the list of almost 1300 "side" effects and ask him to list them!

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Tina • an hour ago

Newsom has not signed it. The silence is deafening. He can choose to sign, not sign, or veto. The bill has still been voted in by the legislature and will go into effect no matter what. If he doesn't sign, it will help him in his run for President as he composes some response that states he agrees with it, but didn't sign it because it was too broad and could be misconstrued.

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Dr. Kenneth Stoller • an hour ago • edited

Yes, so we know the Bio-Pharma complex has all the money and they are behind all this no surprise here, but misinformation is the innocent repeating of something that turns out to be wrong. It is disinformation that is the crime. So, by repeating the CDC narrative, physicians were quilty of misinformation, but the government was guilty of disinformation. Thnk about it.

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Robbi • 2 hours ago

'Citizen Patriots' could care less about their authority since IT DOES NOT HAIL FROM US. They are not elected into positions of Public Trust and THEY DON'T MATTER. Dismantle the idolatrous arrogant the International Nazi Corporatist/Banker Mafia pays; if not the WEF/CCP Cabal or Trilateral Commission...NONE OF THE SECRET SOCIETIES HAVE ANY AUTHORITY FROM THE PEOPLE WHAT-SO-EVER.

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kieron hafermalz • an hour ago

I'm in New Zealand, I'll be looking up the people mentioned in this article and passing on the info to an old doc of mine who was let go due to discussing the vaccine with their patients as is the patients and doctors right

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This is insanity!! • an hour ago

I agree, sue them out of existance, and MAKE them disclose who is paying their bribery bills!!...these are just more stinking sham groups milking people that are other corrupt scum, shill coroprations for the money. Namely big heineous harma, the most corrupt business in the world!!! Doctors can't cry boo hoo and still go along with this 1912 rottenfella antique garbage!!!

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Deborah Phillips • 2 hours ago

"The Implications for Professionalism and the Public Trust"...as if there is any public trust left. Oh, wait...all the people who only listen to or watch MSM have no idea what it is that doctors aren't allowed to say! As far as they're concerned, the so-called "vaccines" are "safe and effective".

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Optinetgroup • 2 hours ago

They are a key part of the Covid vaccine fraud as they have worked hand in love with the physician bureaucrats, CDC, FDA, the politicians, vaccine manufactures and corrupt mainstream media to push the vaccines despite the early on knowledge of the efficacy issues and more importantly the disastrous short and long-term side effects. They are now the "clean-up" crew to shut down the truth being exposed.

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Voyt Regnal · 31 minutes ago

The same story could be written about Canada. Perhaps there are less corrupted agencies controlling doctors here, but in each province Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons have 100% power over doctors who are getting payed exclusively only by government.

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Jerry Alatalo · 34 minutes ago

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) could greatly assist perplexed Defender readers from across the Earth by articulating what their definition of "misinformation" entails...

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